

Tarwater established the first hotel in Flower Mound, the Flower Mound Courtyard River Walk, and Grapevine's Embassy Suites Hotel. Though Tarwater lived a life of travel and adventure, he never lost sight of North Texas and its rich history. Tarwater embodies the best of Texas as a trailblazer and dedicated family man. Acquaintances and coworkers of Tarwater alike have appreciated his sincere friendship and the joy with which he approached life and work. Scott Tarwater has fundamentally propelled Grapevine and Flower Mound into a force on the world stage and preserved its historical integrity for years to come. I am honored to recognize the life of Scott Tarwater and his exemplary service to North Texas. I thank Mr. Tarwater for his excellence and dedication to the community we all hold so dear. I offer my condolences to the Tarwater family and Scott's loved ones and hold his example close to my heart.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PAUL LAMISON

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and contributions of Paul Lamison, a beloved member of the Tampa Bay community, who passed away on August 4, 2022. Raised in Lakeland, Florida as one of seven siblings, Paul took great pride in his roots. Paul's dedication to journalism and sharing moments in history, big and small, that chronicled and defined our Tampa community is worthy of recognition. His devotion to family also is a great example of the quiet heroes in our lives everyday who deserve praise and honor.

As Chief Photojournalist for Tampa's WFLA News Channel 8, Paul was a familiar voice and face for viewers and News Channel 8 staff alike throughout the course of his nearly 30-year career. Working firmly behind the camera for much of his career, Paul went on to be known as the man with 'the best seat in the house' when he transitioned to his integral role on the morning team and as News Channel 8's 'eye in the sky' in the Eagle 8 news helicopter. Reporting on events from the daily morning commute to celebrations of sports championships to the Gasparilla parade and special episodes in the lives of Tampa Bay area residents, Paul connected the community with professionalism and good cheer. Those who knew Paul loved him, describing him as a passionate, fun-loving person and a light that lifted up everyone around him. Paul's energy and joy was a constant, experienced both on and off screen. His authenticity and commitment have left an immensely positive impact on a generation of journalists, as well as his family and friends. Paul's legacy will continue to live through his siblings along with his wife, Nerissa, and their daughters Emily, Kate, Ava, and Emma.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor Paul Lamison for his lifelong dedication to journalism and to sharing stories of all the great people and places that make up our community. We are all eternally grateful for his immense contributions. His legacy

will live on and inspire many others in the Tampa Bay community and beyond for years to come.

HONORING SENIOR CHIEF MICHAEL BELINKIE

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the retirement of Senior Chief Michael Belinkie after twenty years of service in the United States Navy. Born and raised in Richmond, Virginia, Senior Chief Belinkie grew up in a musical family with generations of cantors leading religious services at prominent synagogues in Richmond and New York. He further refined his talents as a classical tenor while earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and economics at the University of Virginia where he also performed with the Virginia Glee Club, Coro Virginia, and in the university's renowned acapella group, the Virginia Gentleman. While in college, Operafestival di Roma invited Senior Chief Belinkie to spend a summer abroad training and performing with other promising young opera singers from around the world.

Acknowledging the challenges of pursuing a successful career in music, Senior Chief Belinkie graduated from George Mason University's School of Law. During his legal studies, he continued to perform locally in northern Virginia, and he ultimately auditioned for an opening for a tenor in the United States Navy Band. He learned he passed the Virginia Bar Exam a few weeks before shipping off to boot camp.

Senior Chief Belinkie enlisted in the United States Navy in 2002 and has had the honor of performing for presidential inaugurations, state dinners, state funerals, and for foreign dignitaries. An avid sports fan, the United States Navy Band also allowed him to sing at two Super Bowls, the World Series, and countless other professional sports events. Known by fans throughout the United States for his incredible vocal range and high falsetto, videos of his renditions of a "Jersey Boys" medley, "White Christmas," and others quickly went viral on social media, garnering more than 100 million views. In 2005, Senior Chief Belinkie sang the world premiere solo of "A Season of Miracles" by Marvin Hamlisch at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, with Hamlisch accompanying on piano.

I give my heartfelt congratulations to Michael Belinkie, a lifelong Virginian, on his distinguished career and retirement from the United States Navy Band. I wish him well in his next endeavors and hope he continues to lend his talents to the great state of Virginia.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE RANDY NIX

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, and a self-

less public servant, State Representative Randy Nix of LaGrange, Georgia. Representative Nix was born in Holtville, Alabama. He attended local schools and graduated from Troy State University with a degree in business. Following graduation, Randy served as a chaplain's assistant in the U.S. Army Reserve for five years. He went on to serve seven years in the Alabama Air National Guard, where his final assignment was a role as the weapons system officer flying the RF4-C Phantom aircraft. He was honorably discharged with the rank of captain.

Representative Nix also had a successful career in the financial services industry. He is currently a pastor at the Hillcrest United Methodist Church in LaGrange. Along with his service to the district in the Georgia General Assembly, Randy is very active in the local community. He previously served as president of both the Boys and Girls Club of West Georgia and the West Georgia Technical College Foundation Board, and is currently a Rotarian.

As Representative Nix approaches his retirement, I would like to recognize the sixteen years of unwavering service he has provided to the citizens of District 69. Serving his community is his passion, and his retirement is hard earned and well deserved. May God continue to bless Representative Nix and his wife, Debra, and their children, Julie and Jess, in the years to come.

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY 2022

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of Women's Entrepreneurship Day, which is celebrated around the world each year on November 19th.

Women-owned U.S. firms make up nearly 20 percent of all firms that employ people and this number is growing. There are nearly 13 million women-owned firms in the U.S. alone and they employ close to 10 million people. As a testament to their success, women-owned firms reported revenues of nearly \$1.8 trillion. This is truly astounding and shows you how vital women are to the economy. I applaud these women entrepreneurs and their economically vital businesses.

I also applaud the Women's Entrepreneurship Day movement, which is spearheaded by Wendy Diamond. Since it launched in 2013, the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization has annually funded one thousand impoverished women with microloans to start their entrepreneurial journey, hosted a nationwide entrepreneurship training program for 60,000 female college students and early-stage entrepreneurs in Saudi Arabia, supported Restart Academy, which provides educational services for 13–21-year-old students in transitional settings, provided financial literacy education to one thousand rural women in the Philippines, and partnered with a Uruguayan university to offer scholarships to young women.

Women's Entrepreneurship Day is now celebrated in 144 countries and 65 universities and colleges internationally, with numerous global ambassadors. The Women's Entrepreneurship Day mission is to empower the nearly four billion women worldwide to be catalysts